

behalf of AOPHA-member facilities that serve more than 50,000 elderly Ohioans daily and employ more than 20,000 people statewide.

Before coming, to Congress, I served as the Chairman of the Committee on Health, Human Services and the Aging. I knew I could always rely on Clark Law and AOPHA to provide sound advice and to bring any problems affecting seniors to my committee's attention.

Clark's efforts were instrumental in helping win approval of the Seniors Healing at Home Act. This bill is now a federal law, and provides seniors the option of where they choose to recuperate following a hospital stay.

After making sure that we in Congress knew that this problem was impacting seniors, AOPHA took up the charge by making its members available to testify, and helped spread the word that seniors were being negatively affected by Washington's Medicare bureaucracy.

In all the years I have known him, Clark has never been shy about standing up for those seniors who rely on AOPHA to be their voice in matters of public policy. His willingness to get involved and to fight hard on behalf of Ohio's seniors and assisted living care professionals has improved the quality of life for thousands of Ohioans.

As Ohio's Seventh District Representative to the Congress of the United States, I take this opportunity to publicly recognize Clark R. Law and his achievements on behalf of Ohio's senior citizens. His contributions to the quality care of the elderly in our state are too numerous to list and I thank him for his years of dedicated service.

HONORING DR. GINA SEGOBIANO UPON BEING NAMED A NATIONAL DISTINGUISHED PRINCIPAL

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 5, 2002

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Gina Segobiano as she receives the 2002 National Distinguished Principal award from the State of Illinois.

Each year, one principal from each state is chosen to receive the award. I am pleased that this year Dr. Segobiano, from the Signal Hill School District in Belleville, Illinois, has been chosen by the Illinois Principals Association to receive the award.

In 1984, the National Distinguished Principals Program was created in order to honor principals from elementary schools and middle schools who reach a high standard of quality education. The National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP), an organization founded in 1921 representing 29,500 educators throughout the nation, created the program. This year's awards are sponsored by the NAESP and the U.S. Department of Education in partnership with the Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company.

Since 1993, Dr. Segobiano has been the principal of Signal Hill School, and she was a fifth grade teacher at the school for the prior six years. As principal, she is responsible for 450 students ranging from pre-kindergarten to 8th grade. While at Signal Hill, she has been

pivotal in the development of a successful technology program. Furthermore, she has initiated a character development program and a Fight-Free program.

Dr. Segobiano was chosen to receive this award because of her strong commitment to excellence. She has demonstrated a willingness and ability to actively involve parents in their children's education. She has also shown that she is dedicated to meeting the varied needs of the students in her district.

Dr. Segobiano has been a valuable asset to the Belleville community, the Metro-East area and the State of Illinois. She has made outstanding contributions to the school and to the education profession. She is a distinguished public servant and deserves this recognition.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring, Dr. Gina Segobiano as she receives this prestigious award.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE JESSE BURKETT LITTLE LEAGUE ALL STARS ANDY FALLON, DAN RICE, KURT SABACINSKI, JOE PETRY, MATT BALL, TEDDY DALY, ZACH FORD, MICAH GOLSHIRAZIAN, BEN LANDERS, KEITH LANDERS, FRANKIE FLYNN, RYAN GRIFFIN, GORDIE LOCKBAUM.

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 5, 2002

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the community of Worcester, Massachusetts in celebrating the achievements and accomplishments of the 2002 Jesse Burkett Little League All-Star Team. Throughout their run from the city title to the U.S. Championship game, this terrific team won the hearts of Worcester, of Massachusetts—indeed, all of New England. By advancing to the National Championship game, these fine young men advanced further than any other team in the history of Massachusetts.

This accomplishment is impressive in and of itself, considering that this team has only played together for a few short months. They made us all proud. Proud not just because of their amazing play on the field—but also because of the way they conducted themselves off the field. The image I'm going to take from the World Series isn't a home run or a great defensive play or a nasty breaking ball. I'll remember that after the game against Kentucky, this team stood on the field and applauded their competitors.

They acted like true gentlemen, true sportsmen, and that is what we are most proud of. That is what we will remember for years to come. During a time when the sports headlines are dominated by things like revenue sharing and luxury taxes and salary caps, they reminded all of us why we fell in love with the game of baseball.

Mr. Speaker, the Jesse Burkett All-Star Team reminded us of the sheer joy that can come from doing your best, playing hard, playing fair and playing as a team. This is one of the best stories of the year, and I was honored to be a part of celebrating it in Worcester.

A special thanks needs to be extended to the Manager Fran Granger and Coaches Tom

Daly, Paul Flynn and Chris Doyle. They have reminded us all of what baseball is all about . . . good sportsmanship, teamwork, young boys playing their hearts out, and most of all—having fun.

Mr. Speaker, it is with tremendous pride that I recognize the exceptional players, coaches, parents, family members and other supporters of the Jesse Burkett All-Star Team for a remarkable run to the Little League World Series. I am tremendously proud of all of them and congratulate them on their accomplishments. I wish them the best of luck in years to come.

ARTURO SANDOVAL TRIBUTE

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 5, 2002

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, as the Dean of the Congressional Black Caucus, and chairman of its annual Jazz Issue Forum and Concert, I rise to call to this body's attention the achievements of a distinguished musician, Mr. Arturo Sandoval. At the age of 52, he continues a career that has brought him international acclaim as a musician, composer, and bandleader. I am extremely honored that he will be my guest here in Washington, DC, on Thursday, September 12, 2002, during the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference. That evening, my colleagues and I will have the opportunity to thank him for the great pleasure that his life's work has brought to its, and to millions across this nation and around the world.

The Congressional Black Caucus is not alone this year in recognizing the magnificence of what Arturo Sandoval has accomplished. Sandoval, a founding member of the Grammy-winning group, Irakere, has been honored by the Recording Academy with twelve nominations and four Grammy Awards. Sandoval received Cuba's Best Instrumentalist of the Year Award from 1982 through 1990. In 2001, he was awarded the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers Founder's Award for his accomplishments as trumpeter, composer and arranger. He is currently the Professor of Trumpet at the Florida International University School of Music. However, Mr. Sandoval's accomplishments are hardly limited to the trumpet, he is an accomplished pianist in both classical and jazz styles.

Born November 6, 1949, in Artemisa, a small province of Havana, Cuba, Arturo Sandoval has for 40 years been a musical prodigy. He began his musical career in his village band at the age of 13. In 1964, he began three years of classical trumpet study at the Cuban National School of Arts. At 16, he earned a place in Cuba's national all star band. Drafted in to the military in 1971, Sandoval was able to play with the Orquesta Cubana de Musica Moderna and continued his daily practice regimen.

Sandoval's talent has led him to associations with many of the great jazz musicians, but his most important association was his friendship with the legendary Dizzy Gillespie. In 1977 Gillespie was visiting Cuba, when Sandoval decided to seek his counsel. Sandoval and Gillespie quickly became friends and Gillespie invited Sandoval to perform and